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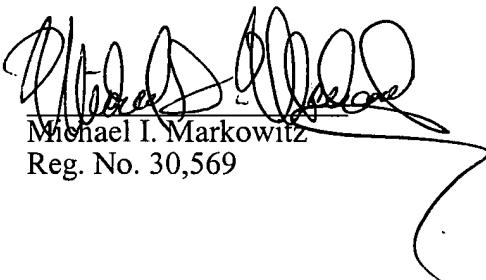
SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2002, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after December 5, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Group Ia, claims 1-15 and 21, for prosecution at this time. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications based on claims 16-20, 22, and 23-24. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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